

ABSTRACT

The intra-aortic balloon catheter comprises a
5 catheter tube 8a having a fluid flow channel 9a for
balloon expansion and a blood flow channel 10a for blood
pressure measurement, and a balloon 2a attached to a
distal end portion of said catheter tube 8a and having an
expansion/contraction portion 3a to be expanded and
10 contracted as a result of flowing a fluid in and out
through said fluid flow channel 9a. The balloon 2a is
joined with said catheter tube 8a at a distal end portion
4a and proximal end portion 5a of said balloon 2a. A
blood inlet 31a is formed on said catheter tube 8a, so
15 that inside of said blood flow channel 10a communicates
with outside of said catheter tube 8a. The blood inlet
31a positions on the proximal end side of a boundary 50
with said expansion/contraction portion 3a on the
proximal end portion 5a of said balloon 2a.